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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS GROUPS AT TAINAN

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1. AS WE INDICATED REF B, FUNCTION OF USACC PERSONNEL AT TAINAN (16 AUTHORIZED) IS TO MAINTAIN USACC RADIO RELAY FACILITIES IN THAT AREA, WHICH ARE PART OF ARMY'S PACIFIC COMMO CIRCUIT. THAT CIRCUIT HANDLES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AUTOVON AND EMBASSY TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC. USACC PERSONNEL AT TAINAN ARE TECHNICIANS INVOLVED WITH UPKEEP OF EQUIPMENT (TROPO-SCATTER, MICROWAVE, ETC.), RATHER THAN COMMUNICATORS.

2. THE 2165TH COMMO DET OPERATES A MESSAGE CENTER WHICH HANDLES TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC FOR ALL US UNITS ON TAINANA AB, AND FOR SMALL US UNITS IN TSOYING, KAOHSIUNG, AND PING TUNG. IT ALSO OPERATES A TELEPHONE SWITCHBOARD ON TAINAN AB. WE ARE INFORMED THAT THE DET HAS FOR SOME TIME ANTICIPATED AUTHORIZATION TO REDUCE ITS COMMO CENTER FROM CURRENT 24-HOUR TO 12-HOUR SERVICE; MANNING IS ALREADY DOWN TO LEVEL REQUIRED FOR 12-HOUR SERVICE, WITH RESULT THAT SOME PERSONNEL ARE STANDING 12-HOUR SHIFTS. FOR PURPOSES OF COMPARISON, IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT THIS DET HAD 77 MEN ON BOARD ON 1 JULY 74, AND 28 ON 1 JAN 75. NOW THERE ARE 22 MEN ON BOARD, AND THE CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED NUMBER FOR 1 JULY 75 IS 17.

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